**DECLARATION/  
POWER OF ATTORNEY  
FOR UTILITY OR DESIGN  
PATENT APPLICATION**

Attorney Docket Number:	MAT-8525US
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Application Number:	To Be Assigned
Filing Date:	March 25, 2004
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Examiner Name:	To Be Assigned

- ☐ Declaration Submitted With Initial Filing (37 CFR 1.63)      ☒ Declaration Submitted after Initial Filing (surcharge (37 CFR 1.16 (e)) required)      ☐ Supplemental Declaration (37 CFR 1.67)

**I hereby declare that:**

Each inventor's residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated below next to their name.

I believe the inventor(s) named below to be the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR PROCESSING AN IMAGE***(Title of the Invention)*

the specification of which

☐ is attached hereto**OR**☒ was filed on March 25, 2004 as United States Application 10/809,539 or PCT International Application Number

and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable). I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) or (f), or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

Prior Foreign Application Number(s)	Country	Foreign Filing Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	Priority Not Claimed	Certified Copy Attached?	
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☐ Additional foreign application numbers are listed on a supplemental priority data sheet attached hereto.

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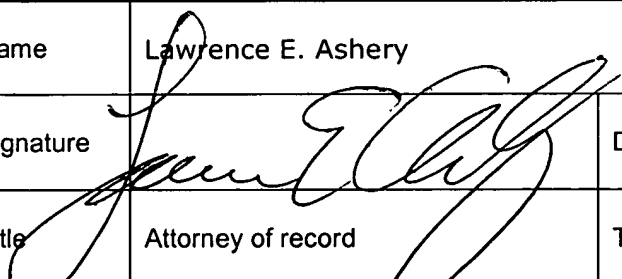
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